

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 261

By McKee

A RESOLUTION to name the U.S. Highway 411 viaduct bridge in McMinn County in honor of the late Arvil Armstrong.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor those exemplary public servants who contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than the late Arvil Armstrong, one of McMinn County's finest citizens; and

WHEREAS, few people have touched as many lives as Mr. Armstrong, a gentleman who attained excellence both as a public servant and human being; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Armstrong was a person of impeccable morals and irreproachable integrity, and he worked assiduously to establish a brighter future for the good people of McMinn County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Armstrong spearheaded numerous civic improvement projects and played an instrumental role in the expansion of U.S. Highway 411 in McMinn County; and

WHEREAS, truly acting with the interests of his fellow citizens at heart, Mr. Armstrong generously donated the real property necessary for the widening and construction of the U.S. Highway 411 viaduct bridge; and

WHEREAS, the McMinn County Board of Commissioners has petitioned this body to name such bridge in honor of Mr. Arvil Armstrong to permanently commemorate his bountiful life of purpose and commitment to the betterment of his community; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly most heartily concurs with this excellent proposal;  
now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED  
THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE  
CONCURRING, that the U.S. Highway 411 viaduct bridge north of Etowah in McMinn County is  
hereby designated as the "Arvil Armstrong Memorial Bridge" in memory of an outstanding public  
servant who exemplified the true spirit of the Volunteer State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation is directed to erect  
suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the U.S. Highway 411 viaduct bridge in  
McMinn County as the "Arvil Armstrong Memorial Bridge".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the erection of such signs shall be within the  
guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the  
Federal Highway Administrator advises the Commissioner of Transportation in writing that the  
provisions of this resolution shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and  
regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if McMinn  
County, Tennessee, either (1) remits the estimated cost of the erection of such signs to the  
Department of Transportation within one (1) year of the effective date of this resolution, or (2)  
manufactures and erects such signs pursuant to state and federal guidelines and as approved  
by the Department. If electing option (1), McMinn County shall make payment of the estimated  
cost prior to any expenditure by the State for manufacture or installation of such signs. The  
Department shall return any unused portion of the estimated costs to McMinn County within  
thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost,  
McMinn County shall remit an amount equal to the difference in such costs to the Department  
within thirty (30) days of receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation and to the McMinn County Board of Commissioners.